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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Recommendation of DI/UNAF for an NIE on Probable French Reaction to Possible US Courses of Action Taken in Lieu of EDC

25X1 1. It is the view of the Board that some estimate along the lines suggested [redacted] should be undertaken soon.

2. The scope of the estimate and the assumptions on which it would be based should, however, be very carefully worked out by the NSC Planning Board. No estimate undertaken on this subject without specific guidance from the NSC would make much sense.

3. Recommendations

25X1 a. That [redacted] explore the requirement for this estimate with the NSC Planning Board in the light of the status of existing related policy papers or proposals.

25X1 b. That this Office be authorized to circulate [redacted] request to the IAC for information.

c. That you inform the IAC orally at its next meeting of our efforts to get guidance from the NSC.

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